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SMART CARD INTERFACE)
SYSTEM) March 30, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Europe 827 733
Europe 816 989
France 2 618 003
PCT/WO 98/40863
PCT/WO 97/05568

These documents were cited in a European Search Report issued during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office, which is dated February 4, 2004, is enclosed.

An English-language abstract for Europe 827 733 and France 2 618 003 has been located and is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of Form PTO-1449.

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